1 WO 2 3 4 5 6 7 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA 9 10 11 12 Christine Baker, 13 Plaintiff, No. CIV 03-525-PCT RCB 14 ORDER VS. 15 Fair Isaac and Company, et al., 16 Defendants. 17 18 On March 15, 2006, Plaintiff Christine Baker ("Baker") filed a 19 motion requesting leave to file a First Amended Complaint in this 20 matter. Mot. for Leave (doc. 248). Baker seeks to amend her 21 Complaint by removing the parties that have already been dismissed 22 from this lawsuit, and adding new claims against Defendants 23 Experian and ConsumerInfo.com. Id. at 1-2. In addition, Baker 24 seeks to add claims against Verizon for negligence and gross 25 negligence, and claims under the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act

Verizon opposes Baker's motion and asserts that it should be denied. D. Resp. (doc. 257). Among other things, Verizon argues

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("FDCPA"). <u>Id.</u> at 2, 10.

that Baker's motion should be denied because of her undue delay. Id. at 9-11.

Here, Plaintiff's Motion to Amend was filed **three years** after Plaintiff filed her original complaint. Yet, the Amended Complaint contains no newly discovered information. Instead, the Amended Complaint simplifies, re-orders, and regurgitates the allegations contained in the original Complaint. Given that after three full years, Plaintiff has come forward with no new facts to support her claims, Plaintiff's request to amend is the product of excessive and undue delay.

Id. at 10. Baker fails to respond to this argument as it applies to Verizon, or to Defendants Experian and ConsumerInfo.com. P. Reply (doc. 266). Moreover, Defendants Experian and ConsumerInfo.com failed to file any response to Baker's motion for leave to amend, or join Verizon's response to such motion. The effect of a denial of Baker's motion could be deemed to have a similar effect on Experian and ConsumerInfo.com. Thus, the Court does not know whether Defendants Experian and ConsumerInfo.com have positions on either Baker's motion or on Verizon's opposition to

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Baker's motion arguing undue delay.

IT IS ORDERED that Defendants Experian and ConsumerInfo.com have ten (10) days from the date of this order to respond to Baker's motion for leave to amend. Baker, to the extent she wishes to do so, may file a reply to Defendants Experian and ConsumerInfo.com's responses on or by ten (10) days from the date

of the filing of such response(s). DATED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2006. Senior United States District Judge Copies to counsel of record and Plaintiff, pro per.